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64 Chemical process.

Methyl 2-(3-phenoxypyrid-2-yl)-3-methoxypropenoates having the formula:

in which the rings M and P are optionally substituted, are prepared by reacting a methyl 2-(2-halopyrid-3-yl)-3-methoxy-propenoate having the formula:

in which X is, halogen or other good leaving group with an optionally substituted phenol in the presence of a base, or with an optionally substituted phenolate salt, preferably in the presence of a catalyst which is a transition metal or a transition metal salt or compound or a mixture thereof.

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